Primary Education for Drop Outs

4450. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Primary Education scheme in order to provide adequate informal education to dropout female children in Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes dominent areas; and

(b) if so, how effectively said programme is being implemented or proposed to be implemented in Bihar and the number of children benefited from it in each category during the last two years and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Government is implementing the scheme of Non-Formal Education to provide education of a quality comparable to formal system to children from habitations without schools, school drop-outs, working children and girls who cannot attend whole day schools, in the educationally backward State of Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal as well as in urban slum, hilly, desert and tribal areas and areas of concentration of working children in all other States and Union Territories.

New teaching-learning materials have been introduced. Non-governmental groups have been involved in training and implementation of Non-formal Education.

According to information supplied by the State Government the number of female children if Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes covered under the programme during last two years are given below:

	1989-90	*1990-91*
1. Schedule Caste girls	54,641	68,473
2. Scheduled Tribe girls	27,320	34,236
Total	81,961	1,02,709

[*English*]

Pending Irrigation Projects in Vidharba, Maharashtra

4451. SHRI TEJSINGHRAO BHONSLE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of irrigation projects in Vidharba Region of Maharashtra pending with the Union Government for forest clearance;

(b) the reasons for delay in clearing these projects by the Union Government; and

(c) when the clearance is likely to be given?